C.R.A.P. Test
Website/Source Evaluation Checklist

Title of page you are evaluating:

URL/Call Number
number of pages:

CURRENCY

When was the page/article written or updated? If no date is given on the page, visit the home page to look for the date.	Date _____
Is the information current enough for your topic? Why might the date matter for your topic? **What is the main idea?**	Yes No

RELIABILITY

Are there references given for the information in the book or on the site? Look for a bibliography or any list of materials used in the creation of the page.	Yes How many? No
Is the content primarily opinion? Is the content biased or balanced? Why might bias matter for your topic?	Yes No

Are there advertisements on the website	What are they **Do the invalidate the reliability**

AUTHORITY

Who wrote the page? Who wrote the article? If there is no specific author, what is the name of the organization responsible for the site? You may need to visit the home page to find the answer. Who is the publisher? Is the publisher reputable?	Email: _____ Name: _____
Is there evidence that the author or organization is an expert on this subject?	List your evidence:

PURPOSE AND POINT OF VIEW

Why was the page put on the web or published? Are there ads on the site? How do they relate to the topic covered? Example: an ad selling ammunition next to an article about firearm legislation. Is the content primarily opinion? Is there a a bias?	Information/facts Persuasion Sales tool Other_____
What is the domain extension? **What kind of text is it?** How might this influence the purpose?	.com .edu .mil .org .net .gov

	Other _____